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\$7.50.

Milliners' \$10 Hats at \$7.50 forchoice. Note the Turbans with chiffon pompons. 211 other styles to choose from, many to be shown for the first time tomorrow.

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Imported Hats, in which are the names of the world's most famous milliners. In order to create a good variety not a few \$20 hats are to be included.



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\$1.50.

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### 33c for Jeweled Girdle Belts Worth \$3.98 to \$7.98.

The above reads like stupid exaggeration. It is solid truth, the outcome of the greatest purchase and sale of Belts Washington has known. Of course, these \$3.98 to \$7.98 Belts at 33c are the exceptionally wonderful bargains—the forty-two imported samples thrown in by the maker when we purchased his entire stock. These will be distributed from the Jewelry Department commencing promptly at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Only 42 of them, but details are given below of the several mighty purchases-of 10,811 Belts.

23c for usual 39c "Pulley" Belts, of gross grain, with leather lining to prevent buckling. Ribbon ties and rings as in the Koch Pulley Belt.

75¢ for the "Koch" Ribbon Belts, the best all-silk patented belts, with additional side bones. At 11th street door. 98c for the \$1.50 Elastic Belts, with five gold or eliver ornaments, representing Edna May, Anna Held and others.

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\$2.30 temerrow for choice of the new braided in white or black, and \$2.39 shall secure choice of the \$2.98 Colored Silk Sun-rain Unbreilas. New Jewelry.

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New Hose. 25c tomorrow for the All-over Lace Pattern Lisle Hose, worth 35c pair.

Only 18e for Girls' and Boys' Heavier 25c Steckings, all sizes. Hair Bows.

23c temerrow for the Silk and Velvet Hair Bows you see here regularly at 33c. At 23c for temerrow only.

New Ribbons. 59c yard tomorrow for the Polka Det Velvet Neek Ribbons. Only for yard for 4-inch Liberty Satin Ribbons, in pastel and other new shades.

### New Neckwear.

70c tomorrow for the 98c Fancy Neek Pieces, one table near G street en-trance. Only 98c for Mousseline de Sole Ties worth up to \$1.98.

Handkerchiefs.

For Sunday.

\$7.98 tomorrow for the new \$8.50 Black Cheviet Dress Saints. Only \$7.48 for the new Double-breasted Eton Jackets.

Coupon No. 2

This Evening Star coupon and 6c entitles bearer to one Decorated China Tea Set of 15 pleces. Good only for March 24, on fourth floor of the Palais Royal.

# Coupon No. 1

This Evening Star coupen and 5c en-titles bearer to one 10c Friendship Heart, stamped and guaranteed sterling silver. Good for Saturday, March 24, only, at the Palais

# To Mothers.

Tomorrow's "Opening" of the Baby Carriage season is to be associated with two special offerings-So for usual \$12 Carriages and \$4.98 for usual \$7.50 Patent Reclining Go-Carts. 10 per cent discount on all other Baby Carriages

\$1.58 tomorrow for Children's \$1.98 All-wood Cloth Reefers, in new spring styles. Note the circular and square collars, braid trimming, etc. Sizes 2 to 6 years.

59¢ tomorrow for Children's 75c Blouse Waists of White India Linen, with colored percale collar, shield, tie and cuffs. Sizes 2 to 8 years. On third floor.

D&C temerrow for Little Boys' One and Imen, duck, percale and glingham, \$1.48 (or Misses' Wash Dresses, lace and embroidery trimmed; 4 to 14 years.

# Palais Royal, A.Lisner, G & 11th Sts.

AFFAIRS

To Test the Validity of the Valuation

Commissioner Law.

Republican Delegates Chosen -General Notes.

> Evening Star Bureau, No. 701 King St.

(Bell Telephone No. 106), ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 23, 1900. Attorneys Francis L. Smith and Authony W. Armstrong have been notified that the court of appeals for the state of Virginia will hear eral argument Wednesday next in the case of Mr. W. Frank Lambert, assistant cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, who was arrested on the charge of violating the provisions of the commissioner of valuation act. Messrs, Smith and Armstrong will conduct Mr. Lambert's defense It is understood that Attorney General Montague will be assisted by Mr. Hill Carter in defending the statute. This case is intended to thoroughly test the constitution-

ality of the law creating the office of commissioner of valuation. Since its enactment became known and its scope understood, it has raised a storm of opposition among the merehants and other business men of this city. As reported in The Star, representative meetings of business men have been held, when the measure was bitterly con-demned and the determination was reached to employ counsel to defend business men arrested for non-compliance with the law.

Democratic Primaries. At a meeting of the city democratic com mittee held last night in the chambers of

the board of aldermen it was decided to hold the primary election for the nomina-tion of candidates for state municipal offices April 10. Primary expenses were assessed as follows: City sergeant, \$15 each: commonwealth's attorney, city treasurer and clerk of the corporation court, \$30 each. The candidates now in the field are: For city treasurer, Thomas B. Robinson; clerk of the corporation court, John S. Beach

IN ALEXANDRIA and William E. Fendall; city sergeant, Wm. H. Smith and Frank C. Spinks.

Death of Wm. C. Shock.

Mr. William C. Shock, an aged and es-teemed citizen, died last evening at 6 o'clock at his residence, No. 135 South Fairfax street, after a long illness. Deceased was about seventy-five years of age. Mr. Shock came to this city from Baltimore several years ago, and for a long time he has held the office of overseer of out-door poor. He also held the position of official inspector of weights and measures.

Republican Delegates Chosen. The republicans of Alexandria county have chosen the following delegates to attend the state convention in Norfolk April 10: William Duncan, Charles I, Simms, Willis Wormley, William Wibert, with T. Allen and Henry Holmes as alternates.

General and Personal. The remains of Mrs. C. F. Wood, who lied yesterday in Washington, have been brought here and will be interred tomorrow

brought here and will be interred tomorrow morning from the residence of Mrs. R. W. French, daughter of the deceased, on South Washington street.

The meeting of Davis Post, G. A. R., which was to have been held last night, was postponed until April 12. The most important matter before the post now is a resolution to disband. Owing to the small resolution to disband. Owing to the small number of G. A. R. men now residing here the measure was proposed. Several inter-ested are opposed to it.

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A game of basket ball was played at Schuler's Hall last night between the Eastern Athletic Association team of Washington and the Alexandria Athletic Association, resulting in a victory for the visitors by a score of 25 to 2.

Funeral of Mrs. Wood.

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. F. Wood. who died here yesterday, will take place tomorrow from the residence of her daughter in Alexandria. The deceased resided most of her life in Alexandria, but lately moved to Washington. She was the daughter of ex-Gov. Henry S. Foote of Mississippi and a sister of the wife of Senator Stewart. Her brother. W. W. Foote, is a commissioner to the Paris exposition. Mrs. Wood had a wide acquaintance in this city by whom she was held in the highest esteem and who sincerely mourn her loss.

Appointed to Fire Department. O. B. Kelly was today appointed by the District Commissioners a member of the fire department, vice Wagner, removed.

RATIFIED BY THE SENATE. Action on the British Treaty Relative to Estates. The Senate in executive session yesterday

ratified the treaty between the United States and Great Britain felative to the estates of citizens of one country who die in the other, which has been under considera-tion for the past few days. There was no debate, but several amendments were accepted. Article 4 was amended so as to provide for the extension of the provisions of the agreement to dependencies of the United States "only upon direction of the law making power of the United States," thus relieving the treaty of the criticism that it conferred too great power upon the President. Article five was amended so as to make it apply only to the right of disposing of property. "As drafted the treaty posing of property. "As drafted the treaty conferred upon subjects of Great Britain in the United States and upon those of the United States in Great Britain "the same right in acquiring, possessing or disposing of property," as is possessed by the citizens of the country itself. The words "acquiring" and "possessing" were stricken out.

As amended the treaty was ratified by an almost unanimous vote.

Return of Cavalrymen.

By direction of the War Department one squadron of the 5th Cavalry in the Department of Porto Rico will be relieved from duty in that department and proceed to the Department of the Missouri, taking station at Jefferson barracks. This detachment will serve as a depot squadron for the 5th Cavalry, and all officers and enlisted men who are unfit for duty with the active squadrons, and enlisted men having less than six months to serve and who do not intend to re-enlist, will be transferred to it. Enlisted men in it having a year or more to serve will be transferred to the active squadrons in order to bring them up to their maximum strength before the departure of the depot squadron.

Against "For Rent" Signs.

Mr. Mudd has introduced a bill in the House (H. R. 9833) providing that if any person place any sign for sale or rent upon any private property in the District of Columbia without the consent of the owner, he shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$20, or imprisonment for not less than ter days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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street by single track to 23th street, north street by single track to 23th street, north on 25th street to Pennsylvania avenue. Provided that for the purposes of furnishing a loop for use when mecessary the single track may be extended along G street from 25th to 23th street, connecting with the single tracks on 25th and 23th streets.

The Anacostia Railway Company is authorized and required to extend its underground electric railroad from the intersection of 1st street east and E street south, north along 1st street to B street south, thence west along B street, connecting with its existing tracks between 21 and 3d streets west.

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In reporting favorably House bill 2643, also to amend the charter of the Capital Traction Company, the committee amended the bill to a slight extent. The bill provides for an underground electric railway along the following streets and avenues: Beginning at the main tracks at the intersection of Pennsylvania avenue and 8th street southeast, and thence easterly along Pennsylvania avenue, with double tracks to 15th street east, thence by double tracks south on 15th street to K streets south, east on K street to the circle, north on the circle to Pennsylvania avenue and westerly on Pennsylvania avenue to 15th street east. The portion of the bill relating to the single track on 15th street to K streets south, etc., is stricken out and the following is inserted in its stead: "Thence by single track on Pennsylvania avenue and 15th street east." The purpose of this bill is to provide for an extension of the street railway system from 8th street east to the Anacostia river on Pennsylvania avenue. Its object is to open up a portion of the District now almost inaccessible. The people living and owning property in the neighborhood of the extension have urged that it be built.

\*\*Metropolitan Extensions.\*\*

The committee also reported favorably Senate bill 3663, which authorizes the Metropolitan Railroad Company to extend its lines on old 16th street

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The line of the Metropolitan Company now stops at the corner of 18th street and Columbia road. Columbia road is built up beyond this point, old 16th street is fast being built up and at the north end of the latter street there is now a large settlement of substantial houses, whose occupants have been pressing for an extension of the street railways to accommodate the traffic. The bill provides for the widening of Columbia road to make it conform to the width of that part of the thoroughfare now occupied by the street railroad, and also for widening old 16th street, and one-half of the cost of this widening is to be paid by the railroad company. The bill was prepared by the Commissioners. In detail the extension provided for follows:

An extension by double tracks of underground electric railroad from the present terminus of the Metropolitan railroad at the intersection of 18th street and Columbia road, easterly along Columbia road to the present 16th street northwest; thence north along 16th street to Park street. It is especially provided that no car shall be switched in the streets after the expiration of two years from the passage of this act.

New Bathing Beach.

The committee reported Senate bill 1027, for the transformation of the inner basin of the Potomac flats into a public bathing pool. The report says:

"The object of this bill is to provide for a space convenient, suitable and much-needed bathing beach for the people of the District of Columbia, to take the place of the present small and unsafe bathing beach now maintained near the Washington mon-

the present small and unsafe bathing beach now maintained near the Washington monument."

The bill appropriates \$15,000 from the revenues of the District and authorizes the Commissioners to-complete as soon as practicable the work of transforming the inner basin of the Potomac flats into a bathing pool in accordance with plans prepared by the Secretary of War. The committee amended this bill, providing that the plans should be approved by the Commissioners and the Secretary of War, and also provided that one-half the amount appropriated be paid by the District and one-half from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. A few days ago this bill was approved and action on it was urged by the Bathing Beach Association of the District, which sent to the committee petitions signed by thousands of residents in the District asking that the beach be constructed. Originally \$17,000 was asked for in order to carry out the project of building this bathing beach, but the plan has been modified so that \$15,900 is regarded as sufficient to complete the work. Amendments to the District of Columbia appropriation bill were favorably reported by the committee appropriating \$15,000 for paving 14th street to Lydecker avenue and Lydecker avenue to the east side of 13th street, and for grading and paving Connecticut avenue extended between Columbia road and Kalorama avenue, \$25,000.

Industrial Institution for the Blind.

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Industrial Institution for the Blind. An amendment to the District bill was also favorably reported providing that \$5,000 be appropriated for the equipping and maintaining of an industrial institution for the employment of the blind of the District of Columbia. The bill provides that the Com-Columbia. The bill provides that the Commissioners shall appoint a board of six trustees to manage this school of mechanical trades for the blind, three of whom shall be selected from the blind. This appropriation is in accordance with the plan urged by Mr. Cleaveland, who sometime ago began an institute for the blind in this city. Senate bill 3369, appropriating \$7,000 for damages sustained to the property of Mrs. Mary C. Henderson by changing the grade of M and 24th streets northwest, was adversely reported to the Senate.

Taxes and Tax Sales.

The committee reported favorably on House bill 8466, providing that "section 4 of the act of February 28, 1898, entitled 'An act in relation to taxes and tax sales in the District of Columbia, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out all after hereby, amended by striking out all after the word 'sale' in line 8 of said section."
The purpose of this bill is to strike from the present law the provision which re-quires the repayment of taxes and assess-ments paid by the owner of a tax deed dur-ing the time between the delivery of such tax deed and the redemption of the prop-erty by the owner. The law is amended to allow the purchaser of a tax deed the amount paid for such-deed and interest at the rate of 15 per cent.

Montagu White Sees Mr. Hay.

Montagu White, the Boer agent in this country, called at the State Department vesterday and spent some time in conversation with Secretary Hay. Nothing was said about mediation nor about the fate of Johannesburg, and it was intimated that the subject of the conversation was purely ersonal in character.

Repair of the Boston.

The Navy Department has issued orders for the repair of the cruiser Boston, now at the Mare Island navy yard, the cost of which will be about \$300,000. Adverse ac ion was taken on the proposition to change the Boston from a single screw to a double screw steamer.

United States Consul Donaldson, in a re port to the State Department referring to the arrival of Admiral Walker and the other members of the isthmian canal commission at Managua on February 15, say

Canal Commission Heartily Welcomed

that the government and everybody here has given Admiral Walker and his party a hearty welcome and all seem much pleased with the prospects of negotiating direct with the United States government regarding the canal question. Sea Trial of the Kearsarge. The Navy Department has been notified that the battle ship Kearsarge will be ready for her official sea trial on the 3d of April. The trial board has been ordered to be at

Fort Monroe in season for the trial, which will keep the vessel at sea two full days and is intended to demonstrate the sound-ness of her machinery and hull. Contractors Given More Time.

The Secretary of the Navy has granted the several ship building concerns engaged in the construction of about forty torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats an extension of one year's time for the completion of their contracts. This action was taken in consequence of the unforeseen difficulties encountered in securing the necessary high grade structural steel for the vessels.

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A Statement of Superintendent W. B. Powell Submitted to the Senate.

Comparative Growth of Schools and Appropriations-Money Expended for Certain Text Books.

The District Commissioners today transnitted to President pro. tem. Frye of the Senate a statement prepared by Mr. W. B. Powell, superintendent of the local public schools, certain information requested by the Senate the 2d instant. From this statement it appears that the estimated growth of the city from June 30, 1886, to June 30, 1800, has been 38.42, while that of the public schools has been 49.51; the growth of the white schools for the county being 159.90 and for the city 43.48, and that of the colored schools for the county \$5.08 and for the

The amount appropriated for the schools The amount appropriated for the schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886, was \$146,060.91, while the amount for the year ending June 30, 1899, was \$1,164,734.10. These appropriations have been increased each year since 1886, with two exceptions, there being a decrease of 6.70 per cent in 1890, and one of 13.59 in 1893. The total enrollment of pupils, including those attending the night schools, during the year ended June 30, 1899, was 48,347, while the total number during the year ended June 30, 1890, during which period there was no night schools, was 32,336. In but one year, that ended June 30, 1893, was there a decrease in the number, the total enrollment for that year being a decrease of .33 per cent as compared with the total enrollment of the previous year. Of the total number of pupils enrolled during the year ended June 30, 1886, 11,640 were colored children, and the total number of colored pupils during the year ended June 30, 1899, was 16,958.

Cost of Certain Books. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886,

Cost of Certain Books. Other information desired by the Senate was a statement showing the total number of school readers of each grade in Powell's normal series, and also in the Franklin series; the cost of each; the total amount expended for Powell's normal readers, together with the total amount expended for gether with the total amount expended for Franklin readers since the introduction of free text books into the local public schools. Mr. Powell's statement shows that during the past eight years 14,688 copies of the normal primer, running from \$1.72 to \$1.85 per dozen, were purchased, the total cost of these books being \$2,183.18. During the same period 15,487 copies of the normal first were purchased, the price running from \$2.33 to \$2.46 per dozen, and the total cost being \$3,104.94. Of the Franklin first 11,124 copies were purchased, the cost running from \$1.89 to \$2.46 per dozen, and their total cost being \$2,152.94. Of the normal second 12,675 copies were purchased, at a total cost of \$3,811.24, the cost running from \$3.46 to \$3.68 per dozen. There were 9,156 copies of the Franklin second bought, at a total cost of \$2,672.29, the price ranging from \$3.28 to \$3.67 per dozen. Of the normal third 9,464 copies were purchased, at a total \$5.25 to \$5.01 per dozen. Of the normal third 9.464 copies were purchased, at a total cost of \$3.785, the cost per dozen running from \$4.72 to \$4.91. Of the normal fourth 4.508 were purchased, the price running from \$5.85 to \$6.12 per dozen, and the total cost before \$7.950.3

from \$5.85 to \$6.12 per dozen, and the total cost being \$7.252.33.

The normal fifth was not introduced until the year 1894, and of these books 4,428 have been purchased, at a total cost of \$3,024.54, the price per dozen running from \$6.40 to \$8.58. Of the Franklin third 8,276 copies have been purchased, the cost per dozen ranging from \$4.58 to \$5.10, and the total cost being \$3,347.32. Of the Franklin fourth and intermediate 8,514 copies have been purchased, at a total cost of \$4,007.21, the price running from \$5.09 to \$6.12 per dozen. Of the Franklin fifth 2,916 copies have been purchased, the price running from \$7.70 to purchased, the price running from \$7.70 to \$8.58, and the total cost being \$1,936.85.

Total Expenditure for Both. The total number of copies of what are known as the Powell normal readers pur-

171.23. It is stated that the authors of hese readers are W. B. Powell and Emma J. Todd. The total number of Franklin readers purchased was 39,980, at a total cost of \$14,116.61. The author of the Frank-lin readers is said to be Loomis J. Campbell.

THE SPRING RACES.

Program for the First Nine Days Officially Announced. Mr. H. G. Crickmore, the clerk of the course of the Washington Jockey Club, to-

day made public the program for the first nine days of the fifth spring meeting of the association, which commences at the Benning track Monday, April 2. The meet-ing will be one of twelve days, concluding Saturday, April 14, and not less than five races will be run each day, including the usual number of jumping events. On the first day of the meeting the first Benning Handicap will be run. The entries to this event include Imp, who won the Suburban and other great handicap races last year, and who is regarded by many horsemen

The track is in splendid condition, and over 200 horses are now stabled there. Next week many will arrive from New Orleans and other points. W. J. Smith's fine mare, Queen of Song, and Mr. Robert Neville's stable of jumpers are the latest arrivals a tthe track, which is crowded morning and evening by the horses receiving their preliminary training.

The first race will be called each day at 3:20 p.m., and special trains will be run direct to the track by the Pennsylvania railroad both from this city and Baltimore. The Columbia Railway Company will run cars from 15th street and New York avenue every two minutes direct to the track The track is in splendid condition, and

nue every two minutes direct to the track without change. The stewards of the meet-ing will be Messrs. S. S. Howland, Samuel Ross, Jesse Brown, and F. O. Hanlon, secre-

grapped all interested parties asking them to appear before the committee on April 4, when a hearing will be given on the Sheldon bill, which seeks to grant authority to the power canal company that is building a canal from a point above the falls in Sault

A hearing on this canal project was held some three or four weeks ago and was largely attended by representatives of the lake marine interests and the power canal

when it becomes apparent that the level in the ship canal is not being maintained. It is feared that this will lead to litigation, and that eventually much damage may done before the proper remedial works

done before the proper remedial works are constructed.

According to some of the plans proposed a commission composed of three civil engineers and three government engineers may be appointed, to be on the ground when the water is turned into the canal, and if any lajury to navigation results the water will be at once turned off.

Cuban Receipts for February.

wards, chief of the insular division of the War Department, it appears that the total receipts from all sources in Cuba during the month of February were \$1,321,883. The working balance at the close of the month was \$2,044,754, showing a decrease in the balance for the month of \$75,174. Of the to-

The Trial of the Stringham.

has notified the Navy Department that the torpedo boat Stringham, built by it, had a satisfactory private trial last Saturday and will be ready for her official trial on the 31st instant. The boat is to be run over a course in Chesapeake bay. She is required to make not less that thirty knots an hour. The naval trial board has been requested to conduct the trial.

LOUD BILL RECOMMITTED.

The Vote Was 148 Yeas to In the House yesterday afternoon Mr Burton declared that it was high time special classes which had grown up in the country should be forced to pay their way

as other people did.

Mr. Cowherd (Mo.) made an interesting argument in support of the Loud bill. Every official, he said, who had investigated the subject had given his approval to the meas ure. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Cowherd held up to the view of the Hou specimens of literature which could and could not at present go through the malls as second-class matter. He held aloft a copy of "The Velvet Hand, or the Life as the greatest mare ever seen on the American turf. Imp is expected at the Benning track from Kentucky in a few days, and will be here prepared for the big spring events on the eastern tracks.

The track is the probability of the big spring events on the eastern tracks. Injun Dick," paper bound, which he said

sent as second-class matter. This will elicited much applause.

Mr. Clark (Mo.) proposed an amendment, which he said was in the interest of the country editor, allowing sample copies up to 109 per cent of the subscription list and not exceeding 2,009 sample copies, in place not exceeding 2,009 sample copies, in place not exceeding 2,009 sample copies, in place of the committee provision of 50 per cent of the subscription list and a limit of 509 sample copies. The amendment of Mr. Clark was agreed to without division. Mr. Snodgrass (Tenn.) offered a substitute for section 2, doing away with all limitation on sample copies.

ations on sample copies.

Mr. Loud opposed the substitute, pointing Mr. Loud opposed the substitute, peinting out that it would permit a newspaper with one subscriber to circulate a million sample copies. The amendment was lost-46 to 77. Mr. Ray (N.Y.) offered an amendment admitting college and school papers and periodicals (except those of business colleges) and the periodicals of student fraternities not to exceed 2,000 copies to the mails at second-class rates.

Mr. Hull (Iowa) offered an amendment to the amendment providing that the publications of business and commercial colleges be admitted to the mails as second-class matter and that the circulation of all college publications should be unlimited. This was agreed to.

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Mr. Ray's amendment was adopted.

Mr. Heatwole (Minn.) offered an amendment providing that all publications which by this act are admitted as second-class mail matter "having a subscription list exceeding 5,000 conies," shall separate the same by states, cities, towns and countles. The amendment was agreed to 116 to 21.

Mr. Morris (Minn.) offered an amendment to section 4, including in the periodicals admitted by the bill as second-class mail matter publications of "all regularly incorporated institutions of learning, and all strictly professional literary, historical or scientific societies, including bulletins issued by state boards of health and state experiment and scientific stations: provided that such publications or any particular issue shall not be designed for advertising purposes." The amendment was agreed to. When the hour of 4 o'clock arrived, that being the time agreed upon for a vote upon the bill, Mr. Moon moved to recommit the measure to the post office committee without instructions.

The motion to recommit prevalled on a yea and nay vote—148 to 96–16 being present and not voiling.

The House then at 4.55 p.m. adjourned.

AT HIS DESK AGAIX.

Return of Licut. Col. Barry to the Adjutant General's Office.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. Barry, assistant adjutant general, recently returned from the Philippines, has resumed his duties in the adjutant general's office, War Department.

Colonel Barry was adjutant general on the staff of General Otis, and as such was thoroughly familiar with all the military operations in the Philippines. In his opinion, organized resistance to the authority of the United States in the Philippines is no longer possible. The troops are now so no longer possible. The troops are now so distributed throughout the archipelago, he said, that they can promptly reach any point where it is reported the Filiphnos are gathering for hostile purposes. It will be difficult, he admits to conduct military operations during the coming rainy season, but he calls attention to the fact that the American troops have demonstrated that they are more than a match for the Filipinos on their own ground, even under the most disadvantageous conditions.

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Colonel Barry has been assigned to special duty in the office of Adjutant General Corbin and his recent experience in the Philip-plnes will be of great assistance to the offi-cials in the consideration of questions affecting the present and future operation the islands.

Ross, Jesse Brown, and F. O. Hanion, secre-tary; judge, Mr. Clarence McDowell; start-er, Mr. Mars Cassidy; handicapper, Mr. W. S. Vosburgh; paddock and patrol judge, Mr. J. L. Hall, and timer, Mr. W. H. Barretts, The assistant secretary is Mr. Algernor Delinearitid. POWER CANAL COMPANY. A Hearing on the Sheldon Bill Set for

Representative Burton, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, has tele-

St. Marie river to a point below them. lake marine interests and the power canal corporation. It is feared that the construction of the canal will injure the level in the ship canal, and as no authority was ever granted the company to begin operations, every safeguard will be thrown around the work to prevent it from interfering with navigation.

The lake carriers, it is understood, are not pleased with the provisions of the Sheldon bill, which gives to the Secretary of War the right at any time to shut off the water when it becomes apparent that the level in

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tal receipts \$1,219,861 were derived from customs alone.

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